

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 48-51, 86-89 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for tracing an electronic device having an agent initiating communication and providing identifying indicia to a host system, said electronic device connectable to said host system through a global network, said method comprising the steps of:

automatically providing said host system with said identifying indicia through said global network for determining the identity of said electronic device; and

providing said host system with one or more [of the] global network communication links used to enable transmission between said electronic device and said host system, said transmission via said communication links used for determining the location of said electronic device.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said global network [is the] includes Internet.

48. (Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein the Agent establishes communication with the host system independent of normal operations of [instructions from] the electronic device.

49. (Amended) The method of claim 42 wherein the Agent is activated independent of normal system operations of the electronic device [the computer's operating system].

50. (Amended) The method of claim 42 wherein the Agent is activated prior to normal system operations of the electronic device [loading the operating system].

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51. (Amended) The method of claim 49 wherein the Agent is activated by loading into an internal volatile memory and running the Agent prior to activating normal system operations of the electronic device [the operating system].

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52. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 82 wherein the Agent is configured to establish communication with the host system independent of normal operations of [instructions from] the electronic device.

53. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 83 wherein the Agent is configured to be activated independent of normal system operations of the electronic device [the computer's operating system].

54. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 87 wherein the Agent is configured to be activated prior to normal system operations of the electronic device [loading the operating system].

55. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 87 wherein the Agent is configured to be loaded into an internal volatile memory and executed prior to activating normal system operations of the electronic device [the operating system].
